

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the DRAWINGS as followed:

Please replace drawing sheet 2 with new drawing sheet 2 attached hereto showing amended Fig. 2 with identification markers 15 and 17. Item numbering 15 and 17 are identified in the specification at paragraph 034, as tubular member 15, and U-shaped member 17, but were missing from the Drawings.

REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully reviewed the above-identified Office Action. Claims 1-10 and 15-19 remain in the application. Claims 11-14 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 17 and 19 have been amended to incorporate the matter searched and found allowable into an independent claim and amend the language in claim 19 accordingly. The Applicants contend that, by the present Amendment, all bases of objection and rejection have been overcome and the application has been placed in a condition of allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

THE REJECTIONS

In the Office Action Claims 1-10, 15 and 16 are allowed while claims 11-14 and 17-20 stand rejected.

Claims 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In the Office Action Claims 11 – 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Siegrist et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,172,601.

ARGUMENT

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections as Siegrist does not teach the claimed method. However, since the applicant requests that the claims be amended such arguments are otherwise moot, as the amended claims place the application in condition for allowance or have simplified the claims for purposes of appeal. Applicants submit that all issues have been addressed, claims 11-14 has been canceled without prejudice to expedite allowance. Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate previously searched and allowed matter. Therefore, the Applicant submits that claim 17 is now in condition of allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10, 15 and 16 have been found allowable and the subject matter of amended claim 17 has also been found allowable.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants submit that all bases for rejection have been overcome by the present amendment and above arguments and respectfully request that the application be reconsidered and found in condition of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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